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SUBJ: FAA AVIATION SECURITY TRAINING FOR FOREIGN
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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL CONVEYED TO HONG KONG DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WHO DECLINED INVITATION DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. HOWEVER, HE DID REFER THE INVITATION TO SECURAIR LIMITED, A PRIVATE HONG KONG FIRM WHICH IN THE WORLD'S LAST TRUE OUTPOST OF PRIVATE FREE ENTERPRISE, HANDLES KAITAK AIRPORT SECURITY FOR THE HKG. A SECURAIR OFFICIAL CONTACTED THE CONGEN TO SAY THAT THE FIRM IS INTERESTED IN THE FAA COURSE, AS IT WOULD HELP THE FIRM UPGRADE AND IMPROVE AIRPORT SECURITY. SECURAIR'S INTEREST NOT ONLY STEMS FROM ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES AT KAITAK, BUT PROBABLY ALSO FROM THOSE OF ITS TWO JOINT-VENTURE SHAREHOLDERS -- CATHAY PACIFIC AIRLINES (A WHOLLY PRIVATELY OWNED FIRM) AND JARDINE MATHESON, LTD., BOTH OF WHICH ARE ALSO MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS IN HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS, LTD. -- AN AIR CARGO COMPLEX NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED AT KAITAK. THE CARGO COMPLEX WILL SERVE U.S. OWNED AIRLINES SUCH AS PAN AM, NORTHWEST ORIENT AND FLYING TIGER. IN SHORT, SECURAIR PERFORMS FUNCTIONS AT KAITAK THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES USUALLY PERFORM IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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2. SECURAIR TENTATIVELY PROPOSES TO SEND LARRY ABEL, GENERAL MANAGER, TO THE JUNE 2 COURSE AS HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE. THIS PROPOSAL HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, AS CONFIRMED OVER THE TELEPHONE BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS JOHN HALLAM, IN RESPONSE TO A CONGENOFF'S QUERY.

3. THE U.S. AIR LIAISON OFFICER IN THE CONGEN'S DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICE, KNOWS BOTH SECURAIR AND ABEL AND SUPPORTS ABEL'S ACCEPTANCE FOR THE COURSE BY FAA.

4. SECURAIR ACCEPTS THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN PARA 2, AND WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR ABEL TO U.S. PORT OF ENTRY.

5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE RESPONSE SO THAT SECURAIR CAN BEGIN TO MAKE FIRM PLANS.
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